

Integrative Cancer Research Special Interest Group Teleconference

Pathways SIG Meeting Minutes

Date, Time & Location:	August 3, 2004 1:00 – 2:00 EDT			
Attendees:	Carl Schaefer – NCI Josh Phillips - NCI Peter Covitz - NCI Ajay Jain – UCSF Craig Beam – Moffit Michael Nebozhyn - Wistar Tom Casavant – Holden Simon Lin – Duke Claire Zhu – BAH Juli Klemm - BAH			
Introduction:	Roll-call, open meeting, review meeting goals			
	- QPACA presentation			
	- QPACA Q & A			
	- Pathways Interaction Database presentation			
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	- Set agenda for next meeting			
Application	QPACA			
Presentations	Ajay Jain (UCSF) gave a presentation of QPACA. The slides can be downloaded from:			
	http://ncicbforums.nci.nih.gov/forums/cabigforum/lfs/icrlfs/SIGs/pathways			
	QPACA Q & A			
	- In the pathway language, do edges have meaning? (Juli Klemm)			
	 Yes. Edges are described by the type of interaction. 			
	- Is there a UI tool that helps with creating a pathway? (Juli Klemm)			
	 Not yet available – currently created directly with the pathway language. A script has now been developed to translate KEGG and SGD pathways into their pathways language. 			
	- Can one extend the ends of an exiting pathway? (Michael Showe)			
	 Yes, QPACA does support this. 			
	- Can one make modifications to an exiting pathway?			
	 This can be done by exporting the pathway in the pathway language, and make the changes in language. 			
	 Does the correlation of a molecule with a pathway degrade as you get closer to the "edges" of a pathway? (Mike Showe) 			
	 We have not observed this pattern. We do see clusters of correlation around individual pathway members – often a transcription factor. 			
	Pathways Interaction Database			

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Pathways Interaction Database Q & A

- What is the availability of this database? (Juli Klemm)
 - The plan is to make the database to the public as a development (rather than production) version in the September timeframe.
- Is it a standalone system? (Juli Klemm)
 - o Yes, there is no code dependency on caBIO.
- How does one access the data? (Simon Lin)
 - Data is currently retrieved with RMI. There is not currently a webservices interface.

Other Items Discussed

 Please send agenda feedback for the face-to-face meeting. Also, let Juli know who from your center will attend.

Action Items:

Name Responsible	Action Item	Date Due	Notes
Juli Klemm	Post slides from presentations to the forum	8/10/04	
Juli Klemm	Distribute meeting minutes	8/10/04	
Juli Klemm	Follow up on next meeting's presentation	8/20/04	